STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL (SWIC) EDUCATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ERC)

December 20, 2012 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Indiana Government Center South Conference Room 130 Indianapolis, IN

Present:

Dan Clark, James Dunn, Sandy Hartz, Leroy Jackson, Rebecca Nickoli, and Derek Redelman **Absent:** Dennis Rohrs, Tim Skinner and Debra Williams

Also Present: From the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD): Jackie Dowd, Marie Mackintosh, Amanda Brewer and Donna Lovelady

At 8:36 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dan Clark.

The November 29, 2012 ERC meeting minutes were reviewed. Rebecca Nickoli moved to accept the minutes; Leroy Jackson seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion was approved.

INTraining

Amanda Brewer submitted the INTraining Monthly Activity Report to the committee. Next, Ms. Brewer distributed copies of the Subsequent Eligibility notification that was sent to providers as directed by the ERC. (Handouts are available.)

Adult Education Report

Jackie Dowd reported that in the first complete year under DWD direction, Adult Education served more individuals than the previous year. There was a 17% increase in GEDs earned, a 44% increase in level gains attained, and WorkINdiana enrollments are increasing as well.

Adult Education submitted a request for \$1.4 million in State funding, which would return the total amount available in State funds to \$14 million. Adult Education providers have informed DWD that there are wait lists, and more funding would allow for additional capacity to serve more adults.

Discussion

Dan Clark spoke to the matter of sixteen to eighteen year old students in Adult Education—who make up 20% of the served population. Mr. Clark stated that this is not the optimal situation for this age group; it would be best if they continued their education through one of the alternatives available through Indiana high schools.

It is important that Adult Education be available for those who need these services; however, students must be encouraged to explore all options that will keep them in the K-12 system. Marie Mackintosh mentioned that if ADM funding follows the students from K-12 to adult education that this would be an incentive for K-12 to keep those students. All agreed that more discussion needs to take place on this subject.

College Completion Initiative—Rutgers Project

Ms. Dowd spoke briefly about the Rutgers Project and its use for Adult Education. She referred to the American Community Survey (http://factfinder2.census.gov/educational attainment) which gives information on educational attainment by age groups. Ms. Dowd wishes to have further discussion on this project at future meetings.

CELL/Education Roundtable CTE Initiative

Jackie Dowd related that the Lilly Endowment has provided funding to CELL (Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning, at University of Indianapolis) and Indiana's Education Roundtable. Dan Clark stated that the funding is contingent on:

- 1. Region-wide commitment by high schools to provide graduates the needed remediation in their senior year, rather than students using Pell grant funds for remediation in college.
- 2. High schools will offer dual credit classes which can count toward a degree at two- and four-year colleges.
- 3. Schools will offer innovations on how to educate a technical workforce.

